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Title: Method and Apparatus for Dynamic Device Allocation for  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: